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## SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

A mysterious affair with all the points of a romantic tragedy has been engaging the attention of the police during the last day or two, says the N.C. Daily News of the 15th inst. The matter has been kept very quiet, but we understand that on Friday night the body of a foreigner was found floating in the lower reach of the Huangpu, beyond the wharves. To add to the mystery a dagger was sticking into the corpse, which was in an advanced stage of decomposition and had evidently been some days in the water. Foot play was suspected at first, but at an enquiry held yesterday at Pootung, a medical man gave it as his opinion that the deceased had committed suicide. The body is supposed to be that of a German, who formerly lived in Chapoo Road, and who has been missing for some little time.

On the 16th inst., our Shanghai contemporary reported:—We are now able to give the following particulars regarding the suicide reported in yesterday's issue under the above heading. The body of the deceased, who has been identified as that of one Max Stockman, a German, who had recently been employed as a collecting and commission agent by a local firm. He had been missing since the 25th of November, and for some time previous to that he had been very low spirited, it is said, on account of a love affair. Before leaving his home on the 25th ultimo, he carefully arranged all his papers, made up his uncollected bills into a bundle to be sent to his employers, and wrote a note to a friend thanking him for past kindnesses. His last status was that he saw him take away with him a dagger. On the same day he was seen at the 'Camp Hotel, Yangtzeopoo, and later, at the German Camp, in the same locality, and he was last seen at one of the jetties close by. His later movements cannot be traced. The body was found on Friday, as reported, and was in an advanced stage of decomposition, so that it must have been in the water for some days. A stiletto was found in the body, just below the heart, and five other small wounds in the same region showed that the deceased must have made several ineffectual attempts to stab himself before delivering the fatal blow. His clothing was soiled and a search to fit the stiletto was found in one of his pockets. An enquiry into the cause of death was held by the German Consul on Saturday, and Dr. Paulin having testified that in his opinion the wound that caused the man's death was self-inflicted, a verdict in accordance with that evidence was returned.

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## Intimations.

GERMAN S. S. PEIYANG.

ANY claims or bills against the above steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1902, or they will not be recognized.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1902. 2502

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INSPECTION INVITED.

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2.15 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Household Furniture, at Nos. 20 and 21, Morrison Hill Road.  
Meeting.  
9 p.m.—Installation of the Worshipful Master of Victoria Lodge.

**General Memoranda.**

TUESDAY, December 23.—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios at Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.  
Goods per *Vindobona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.  
THURSDAY, December 25.—  
Goods per *Silesia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, December 29.—  
None.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Bureau Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.  
TUESDAY, December 30.—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.

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**BIRTH.**  
On Sunday, 7th December, at Nirvana, Penang, the wife of STEPHEN ANTHONY, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commences at 5 p.m.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1902.

LAST week, we gave a résumé of the recent history of the Colony's Waterworks and dealt with the general aspects of the water question, pointing out what appeared to us to be the right solution of our present difficulties. To recapitulate—the Colony's Waterworks, built and extended at considerable expense, have been almost constantly behind the times, and are now. The large works now in hand cannot be completed for some years to come, and, therefore, unless some special means are taken, which can be promptly put into action, the Colony must be prepared to face periodical water famines until they are completed, and possibly by that time the Colony will have increased to such an extent that further works will then be necessary. Of all the special means proposed, the cutting off of the services to Chinese houses and supplying the native districts by means of street taps, is the only one of whose effects we can speak with experience. The experience we have of its working at Kowloon makes it certain that, if put in force at this side, it would at once solve our present difficulties, and would put our water supply in such a position that, with the new works in hand, we might look with equanimity on that extension of the city of which there appears every prospect in the near future.

There is not unreasonably a considerable opposition to this proposal. For years, the Chinese have been pampered in this matter. They have had pure water laid into their houses, a luxury unknown in their native land, and for this they have been called upon to pay about one-third the amount paid for the same quantity of water supplied to European houses. The result has been that half the water supplied was wasted. The Chinese mind could not comprehend that there might be scarcity when there was every appearance of plenty. The Chinese resident of Hongkong had merely to turn a tap, and the water ran. We cannot blame him much for this. It is excusable ignorance. The fault lies rather with those who ignore it, and who expect to get 'golden actions out of leaden instincts.' As previously stated, the cost of carrying water is the strong point against the street-tap supply system, though we have no hesitation in saying that the estimate of \$8 per flat per month—\$700,000 to \$800,000 per annum for the whole city—is far wide of the mark. We do not doubt the accuracy of the estimate given, but in the vast majority of cases the water is carried in Kowloon, and would be carried in the city, by people whose time would not otherwise be better employed. We do not say it is an ideal system, but that it suits our present meagre supply and the thoughtless habits of the native population.

In opposition to the street tap supply there is brought forward what is known as the 'Rider main' system. In reality, it is the intermittent system, its vagaries regulated by Rider mains. It is the intermittence which brings about the reduction in consumption; without it, no matter how many Rider mains we have, the supply will be the same. We are told that the cost of these Rider mains is to be paid by the landowners, who are looking at the matter purely from a sanitary point of view. We would advise the landowners to save their money to meet the requirements of the new Public Health and Building Ordinance. They will have ample scope in that direction for 'serving the best interests of the Colony from a Sanitary point of view'—a point of view which we think will strike most of them as novel. It is urged that in this way the Colony will not be called upon to pay anything for these Rider mains. The property owners are to pay, and recoup themselves by increased rent, or—the satisfaction of doing noble deeds. Whether they make a clear 7 per cent. or 18 per cent., including upkeep and interest on money borrowed, is beside the question. In the end, the Colony must pay in increased rents and increased cost of living. It is useless to point to our 500,000,000 gallons storage and the large works now in hand. Those of us who were here at the time

will remember the same cry was raised when the Tytam Works were in hand. It was said we should have a 'practically inexhaustible' supply, and 'why place restrictions on its use?' The Government gave way, with the result we demonstrated last week. We sincerely hope a similar mistake will not be made again. In conclusion we would repeat the words with which we closed our previous article: 'The time may come when the Chinese may have learnt the proper use of water supplied on western methods, and when our Waterworks will be reasonably ahead of present wants. Then let the question be reconsidered. At present, a coolie is a coolie, and it is folly to treat him as a civilized being.'

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Public Holidays.**

His Excellency the Governor directs that Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day shall be public holidays. The Police Magistrates will have no holiday on Boxing Day, but we hope their duties will be light, and that few prisoners will come up—perhaps—to wish them a Merry Christmas!

**Tea-Girls in Tartans.**

The A.B.C. damsels, in London whose bright matrimonial prospects were painted at the shareholders' meeting the other day, are threatened with formidable rivals, if the rumoured project of establishing Scottish Tea Rooms in London is based on good foundation. The idea, it is said, is to import Scotch lassies, dressed in the characteristic tartans of the Highlands. Will the susceptible Southron be proof against this picturesque invasion?

**The Bald-Headed Bounder.**

Admiral Sir William Kennedy relates the case of a marine who was charged before a court-martial at Hongkong having with insubordination, The Court charged him with insubordination. The prisoner was asked the usual question: Did he object to any member of the Court? Looking round with infinite contempt on his judges he said, 'Yes, I object to the whole blooming lot of yer,' specially the bald-headed old bounder in the middle! His other sentence is not recorded.

**Government Marine Surveyors.**

Mr Robert C. Dixon, Government Marine Surveyor, having retired on pension on account of continued ill-health, Mr James Macdonald, his assistant, is promoted to the higher post, and Mr W. A. Crake (who is going to perform the difficult feat of playing a Rugby football match at Happy Valley and an Association game at Causeway Bay at the same time this afternoon) is appointed Assistant Marine Surveyor, and Mr William Orchar is appointed Second Assistant Marine Surveyor.

**Justifiable Homicide.**

An enquiry has been held into the case where two men were shot at Singapore while resisting arrest and assaulting Mr Evans, Protector of Chinese. A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned. In connection with the inquiry a rather peculiar affair happened. On his way home, the Coroner, Mr Gentle, called in at the Golf Club; leaving all the papers connected with the inquiry in his ricksha. On coming out, he found the porter had disappeared with the papers, and no trace of him can be found. It is thought that sympathisers of the prisoners got the ricksha coolie to make away with the papers, thinking it would retard the course of justice against the accused.

**The Christmas Post-bag.**

Our Postmaster and his assistants have had a busy time since the season of the exchange of holiday benefactions set in. Seventy-nine boxes of Christmas gifts, depressing the scale to the extent of 7,446 lbs., left the Colony by the s.s. *Chusan*, 1096 were ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 7 sent via Brindisi; and 228 were insured parcels sent via Gibraltar and 7 insured via Brindisi. The officers in the Registration and Parcels Departments were kept hard at work until 1.30 a.m. on the day following the closing of the parcels mail. The New Year's parcels despatched via the s.s. *Maasilu* amounted to seventy-six boxes totalling a weight of 6,994 lbs. 824 were ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 228 via Brindisi; and 138 insured parcels via Gibraltar and 154 via Brindisi. To get this mail out the officers worked until 3.30 a.m. on the day following the closing of the mail. Per the s.s. *Paramatta* forty-one boxes were sent to England, weighing 6,173, and including 687 ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 12 via Brindisi; 102 insured parcels via Gibraltar and 8 insured via Brindisi. The staff worked until 3.35 a.m. on the day following the closing. The Christmas mail per s.s. *Maasilu* included 646 registered articles for the United Kingdom and 540 for the Continent, &c.; while the New Year's mail per s.s. *Paramatta* comprised 402 registered articles intended for the United Kingdom, and 539 for the Continent. As to the letters, the s.s. *Maasilu* took 199 lbs. of missives and 633 lbs. of books and printed matter for London distribution, and 490 lbs. 'London forward.' The New Year's letter per the s.s. *Paramatta* for London weighed 210 lbs., the 'London forward' bag scaled 162 lbs., and the books and printed matter 390 lbs.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Notes by the Way.**

Inward Parcels by s.s. *Ballarval* are now ready for delivery.

Dr. John Gillespie is the Moderator-elect of the Church of Scotland.

Major-General Talbot was knighted by the Duke of Connaught at Cairo.

Professor Orr is the Moderator-elect for the United Free Church of Scotland.

On Pages 2 and 3 will be found some Late Telegrams and other interesting matter.

The South African Chartered Company has decided to spend two millions sterling on railways in Rhodesia.

The new ordinance relating to the naturalization of aliens will come into operation on the 1st of January next.

Her Majesty the Queen will give a Christmas dinner to the widows and orphans of London soldiers and sailors who died in the Transvaal war.

The Admiralty granted an extra week's leave to some of the crew of the *Fence, Hart, and Whiting*, &c., as took part in the operations in South Africa or China. The crew of these vessels are now on their way home.

The Registrar General, the Inspector of Schools, Mr F. A. Hazeland and Mr Cecil Clementi are appointed a Board of examiners for the Examination of interpreters. The Registrar General will act as Chairman and Mr Clementi as Secretary.

**Postponed.**

The Meeting of the Legislative Council fixed for Monday is postponed until Tuesday, owing to the prolongation of the Criminal Sessions, which would prevent the attendance of the Attorney General.

**Mr John Barrett.**

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce invited the Hon. John Barrett, the Commissioner-General for St. Louis Exposition, to address its members on the 15th instant on the subject of the Exposition.

**Great Britain and Venezuela.**

The principal claims of Great Britain against Venezuela are based on the seizure of several British vessels; the seizure of the railway; the ill-treatment of British subjects, and proceedings against British interests and property during the civil war.

**The Shan Dacoits.**

A report has just been received (says the *Bangkok Times* of the 29th ult.) that the leaders of the Shan dacoits, with their followers and families, altogether about 300 people, have crossed the Mekong, about the 15th instant and surrendered themselves to the French authorities on the left bank opposite Chiengkong.

**Naval Notes.**

The *World* says:—Sir Edward Seymour may reasonably look forward to promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet when Sir Nowell Salmon retires in February, 1905. Meanwhile he will retain his present position as first and principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King. With the promotion of Commodore Lambton Sir Francis Powell becomes the senior Captain on the Active List for promotion to flag rank.

**Wireless Telegraphy.**

Last night, in the hall of the Union Church, a paper on and demonstration of wireless telegraphy was given by Mr W. Brand in connection with the Union Church Literary Club. The paper was read by Mr W. D. Brindwood, while the demonstrations were being carried on by Mr Brand. Though the paper itself was of a technical nature, and therefore somewhat difficult to follow by those who had not already acquainted themselves with the early history and development of wireless telegraphy, it revealed an intimate knowledge of his subject by the writer, and the experiments were all successful, in spite of the difficulties connected with the adjustment of delicate instruments under temporary conditions. What appealed to the audience more than anything else was the signalling of messages between the church hall and H.M.S. *Gloria*. The flagstaff was rung up by Mr Brand, and in a few minutes the answer came back that the message had been received all right. Upon the motion of Mr C. H. Hocking, who referred to the able paper prepared by Mr Brand and the excellent results of his experiments, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Brand. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the largest that has yet been present at the Club's lectures and discussions. Mr W. Malcolm Watson was the Chairman for the evening.

**WHAT IS A COUGH?**

A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is swift and deadly. If the cold is lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

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**Extensive Reforms in the Navy.**

The *Daily Mail* states that the Admiralty has resolved to make sweeping reforms in the Navy, including the introduction of the principle of selection with regard to a certain proportion of promotions to flag rank, and the absorption of engineers into the executive branch, together with complete re-organisation of the marines.

**Cruiser Squadrons.**

The reorganisation of the Cruiser Squadrons which is now taking place is a most important departure by the Admiralty. The Home Cruiser Squadron is to consist of two divisions; the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron, under Sir Baldwin Walker, will have as its crack ships the *Bacchante* and *Aboukir*, both of the 12,000 ton *Cressy* class; and to the China Squadron, to which the *Cressy* herself is attached, the *Leviathan* will be added, and will be the flagship of the Cruiser Squadron, and on the Australian Station there will be the *Spartan* and *Europa*, both of 11,000 tons.

**Facing the Music.**

In *Facing the Music*, which Miss Waldorf's company presented last night and which will be put on again to-night, a good fund of delectable comedy is unfolded. Mr McGregor as the other John Smith is irresistibly comic, Miss Waldorf and Miss Stanley are extremely good as the two Mrs. Smiths, Mr Forbes is capital as the Rev. John, and Mr de Lacy makes a good deal of excellent entertainment in the part of the detective. The play went well with the not too well-filled house. The company appears in Canton next week, returning to Hongkong in time to resume the season with a strong holiday attraction on Boxing Night.

**Maritime Etiquette.**

The *Berliner Post* of the 12th ult. published the following Regulations which, by agreement between the Hamburg American Line and the North German Lloyd, have been adopted by the German Maritime Navy:—

'As soon as a ship comes in sight, and is recognised as one with which salutes have to be exchanged, the flag is to be hoisted, no matter which of the two ships should salute first. The duty of saluting first falls to the ship which passes the other, whether proceeding or stationary; and to the ship coming from Europe, if both ships belong to European Lines; in all other cases to the ship to the North. As soon as the ships have passed each other, the ship which had first saluted has also to lower her flag first, unless prevented by other reasons.'

This does away with the privilege which was said, the other day, to be enjoyed by the British flag, of being always saluted first on the high seas.

**Masonic.**

At a regular meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C., held on the 12th inst., Wor. Bro. Thomas Henry Jewitt was duly installed as R.W.M. of Lodge St. John for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by the Deputy District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray. The officers elected were as follows:—W.S.W., Bro. J. Burgess; W.J.W., Bro. F. Allan; Treas., Bro. A. Ritchie; Secretary, Bro. W. J. Terrill; S.D., Bro. C. H. Ross; J.D., Bro. R. Hemmings; D. of C., Bro. J. Turner; Steward, Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger; J.G., Bro. R. Walpole; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone. After the ceremony the R.W.M., officers, and many brethren of Lodge St. John, with several visiting P.M.'s and brethren, adjourned to the Hongkong Hotel, where a special dinner was provided. The usual patriotic and appropriate toasts were proposed and responded to; and after an enjoyable and convivial dinner the company were entertained with music, song and recitation, ably provided by guests present.

**The Telegraph Service in China.**

The *N.O. Daily News* publishes the following Editor, which is dated the 12th inst.:—The telegraph services in the various countries of the world are administered and controlled by the Government, hence whenever important business of State regarding either the army or civil administration, has to be transmitted by telegraph, to and fro, perfect secrecy and maintenance as well as promptitude and haste. In China, however, the telegraph service was begun as a commercial undertaking, whereby much inconvenience and obstruction have been experienced by the Government. It is therefore of urgent necessity for the Government to acquire the whole of the said telegraph service in order to safeguard the interests of the State. Yuan Shih-kai and Chang Chih-tung (Viceroy of Chihli and acting Viceroy of the Liangkiang provinces) are hereby commanded to proceed with all haste in drawing up an estimate of the value of the telegraph wires (sic) throughout the Empire, and having done so they shall present to us a joint memorial asking for permission to raise the necessary funds to pay back the shareholders of the said telegraph service for their shares in the said Company and so acquire their property throughout the country. This having been done the Throne will appoint a suitable officer of high rank to take charge of the whole concern, working carefully and diligently in the interests of the State.

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**The Mosquito Export.**

Major Ronald Ross, according to a London telegram dated the 4th inst., has gone to Stockholm to receive the Nobel prize for work in connection with malaria.

**Hongkong Christian Union.**

The Rev. T. W. Pearce will conduct the prayer meeting on Monday evening at 6.15 in the room of the Union, 13 Becclesfield Arcade. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**Theft from the Person.**

Chan Fu put his hand in Wong Fuk's pocket and secured possession of \$4.50. Chan Fu will spend Christmas, Hogmanay, and the Chinese New Year in jail, his term extending over two months.

**The Sea Serpent.**

A Home paper says:—The average person would as soon think of eating an oyster in June as of discussing the sea serpent outside the silly season. Yet here he is, back again amongst us in all his glory, only rather more so. This time he has been sighted by Mr A. H. Rayner, second officer of the s.s. *Fort Salisbury*. With eyes like masthead lights, phosphorescent fins, 600 feet of body, tapering from 30 feet to 5 feet in breadth, smothered and stinking, this huge monster, *Anguilla, infernalis*, &c., slowly sank, &c. Without costing any doubt on the good faith of the second officer, who, doubtless, saw, or thought he saw what he says he saw, this is not a good time to fish for sea-serpents.

**An Expert on Silver.**

The Editor of the City article in *The Standard* writes:—There is little doubt that the further depreciation in Silver has in a measure been produced by the news that the Colonial Office has appointed a Committee to consider and report upon whether the Gold Standard for the Straits Settlements would be advisable. The success which has attended the fixing of the value of the rupee in India has certainly caused a movement amongst Eastern trading countries in favour of currencies based upon Gold, but the Straits Settlements are in many ways peculiar in their business relations. Singapore, the Capital of the Straits, is a great 'entrepôt' for a large number of countries which are governed under varying conditions. South China, British North Borneo, French Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies, the Celebes, the native States in the Malay Archipelago, and the native States on the mainland all make that port their market for the purchase and sale of goods, and, under the steady depreciation of Silver, the trade of that place has grown and developed amazingly. The Possession is free from debt, although it has carried out important public works, and the trading community has prospered so greatly that failures have been of an exceptional character, whilst the export trade of the adjacent countries has steadily progressed. On the other hand, it is a well-known fact that the steady depreciation in the currency renders the release of capital engaged in these Settlements exceedingly difficult, whilst the prices of labour and other items of working expenditure have increased very materially. Exporters to the country have also to face the varying movements in the exchange, and although this risk may, to a certain extent, be covered by securing exchange from the banks working between Europe and the Straits, such insurance necessarily implies the payment of a substantial sum by way of premium. Furthermore, the shopkeepers and small merchants who operate in the Straits Settlements themselves have suffered very severely from the changing character of the currency, and in their case it has been almost impossible to secure themselves actively from the full effects of such fluctuations. The problem is therefore one of great interest, and, as Manila is likely, under United States control, to go upon a Gold basis, it is all the more important that a sound decision regarding this matter should be the outcome of the deliberation of the Committee. At the same time it must be remembered that Singapore, being the centre of trade for a number of States, and Communities possessing but a low standard of civilisation, the authorities will have to act cautiously, or also they may stand in danger of impairing the commanding position that the Possession holds at present in the trade of that part of the world. Moreover, though Singapore and the Straits, make their exports in bulk, imports, as a rule, are dealt with in small quantities. In consequence, whilst the English merchants who buy in large quantities may be able to protect themselves against movements in the exchange, a very different state of things might prevail amongst traders in the Straits who have to break up their consignments of goods imported into small parcels, and radical changes in trade might be brought about by introducing a Gold Standard without consideration.

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